

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 177

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Blaire Pancake upon being crowned Miss Tennessee 2006.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those emerging community leaders who strive to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens while bringing beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative young lady is Blaire Pancake, who was crowned Miss Tennessee 2006; the Miss Tennessee competition is the pageant that selects the representative for the State of Tennessee in the Miss America pageant; and

WHEREAS, a native of Chattanooga, Miss Pancake is a graduate of the Bright School and the Baylor School; she is a Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a bachelor's degree in Anthropology with a concentration in Archaeology; and

WHEREAS, the Miss Tennessee pageant was first held in 1938, although the modern era of the pageant dates back to 1953, when a regular routine of state pageants was instituted; and

WHEREAS, throughout the illustrious history of the Miss America pageant, only one Tennessean has won the coveted crown, while six have placed as runners-up; and

WHEREAS, evidencing a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, Blaire Pancake is the official spokesperson for both the Governor's Safe and Drug Free Tennessee Program and Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee, and she created a Tennessee Child Abuse Resource website; and

WHEREAS, this exceptionally dedicated young lady is a strong advocate for promoting awareness and offering the proper knowledge to keep the children in our State safe; she volunteers for and supports several organizations in Tennessee, including The Exchange Club,

the Children's Advocacy Center, Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee, and Hamilton County law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, she has organized several programs to raise money and awareness for the causes in which she so strongly believes, and the Prevent Child Abuse Wristband Campaign, Pancake's for Kids Breakfast, and Clips-For-Kids fundraisers have benefited from her dedication; and

WHEREAS, Blaire Pancake has launched a statewide public service campaign to promote the Children First specialty license plate, the proceeds of which will support statewide child abuse prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, Blaire Pancake's parents, Dr. Bruce and Debbie Pancake, are justifiably proud of this remarkable young lady and her many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, in her limited spare time, Miss Pancake enjoys watching The History Channel, traveling, attending University of Tennessee athletic events, and visiting with her friends and family; she recently participated in three archaeological digs in St. Kitts and Fall Creek Falls Tennessee State Park; and

WHEREAS, Blaire Pancake has attained excellence in many diverse fields of human endeavor at a young age, from scholastic achievements and community outreach to pageant competition, and she should be specially praised and recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Blaire Pancake upon her recent coronation as Miss Tennessee 2006 and wish her much continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.